

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

* POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY *

WHEREAS, throughout American history members of America's armed forces have made uncommon sacrifices as Prisoners of War (POW), serving their country under conditions of extreme hardship, while remaining steadfast even when their treatment violated fundamental standards of morality and international codes of conduct; and

WHEREAS, Americans held as POW and Americans Missing in Action (MIA) have earned our respect for their courage and devotion to the United States; and

WHEREAS, we honor our POW who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom to protect the liberty we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we also honor those MIA, and should not forget the pain and suffering of war that continues for their families and friends and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, because we must not neglect to honor the men and women who have served their country so faithfully, the United States Congress established the third Friday in the month of September as America's Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2013 as

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and call upon all Arizonans to join with Americans across the Nation in honoring all present and former American POW and MIA, and their families; and I call upon state and local officials, active military, national guard and reserves, veterans, historians, educators, and private organizations to observe this day by flying the POW/MIA Flag (the Flag of Hope), and by conducting appropriate ceremonies or activities in honor of these heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Janice K. Brewer

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State